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SUBJ: FAO FOLLOW-UP TO UNCTAD RES 93 (IV) ON OILSEEDS, OILS
AND FATS

1. FAO VEGETABLE OIL EXPERT, HANCOCK HAS CONTACTED US ABOUT HIS PLANS TO CALL AN INFORMAL MEETING OF ABOUT 10 FAO REPS IN ROME, UNCTAD OFFICIALS, AND FAO SECRETARIAT ON DECEMBER 17, 1976 - TOTAL 15. HANCOCK HAS PREPARED A LIST OF POINTS SET FORTH IN PARA 2 ON WHICH COMMENTS ARE INVITED.

2. FOLLOW-UP TO UNCTAD RESOLUTION 93 (IV) - FOR OILSEEDS, OILS AND FATS, AND OILCAKES/MEALS, THE UNCTAD SCHEDULE FORESEES A PREPARATORY MEETING IN GENEVA IN LATE JUNE 1977.

THE FOLLOWING LIST SUGGESTS SOME POSSIBLE POLICY MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE GIVEN ATTENTION IN THE PAPERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PREPARATORY MEETING. THE LIST IS VERY TENTATIVE AND CERTAINLY NOT EXHAUSTIVE, BUT IT MAY BE USEFUL AS A STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSION. ADDITIONAL MEASURES THAT MAY BE SUGGESTED COULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

1. IMPROVED ACCESS TO MARKETS:

- TARIFF REDUCTION, ESPECIALLY FOR PROCESSED PRODUCTS
- REMOVAL OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS: INTERNAL TAXES SUBSIDIZED PRODUCTION.

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2. SELECTIVE APPROACH TO STOCKING MEASURES:

- E.G. FOR TECHNICAL OILS (E.G. CASTOR OIL); PERHAPS OLIVE OIL;
OTHERS TO BE EXAMINED
- FINANCING OF NATIONAL STOCK SCHEMES WITHIN AN AGREED COORDINATED
FRAMEWORK
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL STOCK POLICIES AND LEVELS.

3. MEASURES TO INCREASE COMPETITIVE STRENGTH OF EXPORTERS, AND
PARTICULARLY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

- IMPROVED EFFICIENCY OF PRODUCTION
- BETTER MARKETING THROUGH STRENGTHENED INSTITUTIONS AS WELL
AS MARKET RESEARCH; PROMOTION CAMPAIGNS, (INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES
OF JOINTLY) FOR INDIVIDUAL OILS
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES ON END-USE.

4. INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN EXPORTING AND IMPORTING
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:

- BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
- PREFERENTIAL TARIFF REDUCTIONS
- PROMOTION OF TRIANGULAR TRANSACTIONS WITH FINANCIAL HELP FROM
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON RESEARCH.

5. COMPENSATORY FINANCING TO STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS.

6. FOR CASTOR OIL, COMMODITY AGREEMENT INCLUDING STOCKING AND
EXPORT QUOTAS (IF MAIN COUNTRIES INVOLVED ARE INTERESTED).

7. IMPROVED INFORMATION AND REGULAR INTERGOVERNMENTAL
CONSULTATIONS ON SHORT AND LONG TERM OUTLOOK AND REMEDIAL
MEASURES.

3. /ACTION REQUESTED/: NEED INSTRUCTIONS ON THESE POINTS
PRIOR DECEMBER 17. SINCE HANCOCK IS SEEKING CLARIFICATION ON
DIRECTION OF PAPERS FAO WILL PREPARE FOR UNCTAD PREPARATORY
MEETING ON OILSEEDS, OILS AND FATS NOW SCHEDULED FOR LATE JUNE
1977, THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE TO GET AN EARLY US INPUT INTO ONE
OF THE UNCTAD CORE COMMODITY PREPARATIONS. BEAUDRY

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